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In the claims:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A protective barrier device for protecting frangible portions of a structure from wind force and wind born objects comprising at least one panel of flexible mesh material with a burst strength greater than 61.3 psi and an interstice size preventing passage of wind born objects greater than 3/16 inch diameter, approximately, said panel including a peripheral hem adapted to secure said panel to said structure on opposite sides of a frangible portion with said panel spanning said frangible portion, whereby said panel is spaced apart from said structure a minimum deflection distance to allow for deceleration of objects impacting said panel before the objects impact the frangible portions of said structure

Claim 2. (Original) A protective barrier according to claim 1 wherein said panel is a textile formed from synthetic threads.

Claim 3. (Original) A protective barrier according to claim 2 wherein said textile is resistant to ultra violet, biological, and chemical degradation.

Claim 4. (Original) A protective barrier according to claim 2 wherein said textile is polypropylene.

Claim 5. (Original) A protective barrier according to claim 2 wherein said textile is vinyl-coated polyester.

Claim 6. Canceled.

Claim 7. (Original) A protective barrier according to claim 1 wherein said panel includes a superposed layer of continuous film.

Claim 8. (Original) A protective barrier according to claim 1 wherein said peripheral hem has a plurality of releasable fasteners, some of said fasteners adapted to attach to ground anchors to secure said panel spaced apart from said structure.

Claim 9. (Currently amended) A protective barrier according to claim 1 A protective barrier device for protecting frangible portions of a structure from wind force and wind born objects comprising a pluraltiy of panels of flexible mesh material with a burst strength greater than 61.3 psi and an interstice size preventing passage of wind born objects greater than 3/16 inch diameter, approximately, said panels including a peripheral hem adapted to secure said panels to said structure whereby said panels are spaced apart from said structure a minimum deflection distance to allow for deceleration of objects impacting said panel before the objects impact the frangible portions of said structure wherein ~~said barrier includes a plurality of said panels, said panels having parallel edges adapted to be releasably connected, said edges having cooperating releasable fasteners spaced therealong.~~

Claim 10. (Original) A protective barrier according to claim 9 wherein said spaced fastenings are reinforced with a tape means attached to the material in a butterfly pattern.

Claim 11. (Original) A protective barrier according to claim 10 wherein said tape is polypropylene.

Claim 12. (Original) A protective barrier according to claim 9 wherein said spaced fastenings are set in from an edge of said ~~curtain means~~ panels to cause said edge to extend past inset fasteners to eliminate any gap that may otherwise exist between the edge and an attaching means.

Claim 13 - 16 canceled.

ADD NEW CLAIM

Claim 17. A protective barrier according to claim 1 wherein at wind force up to and including approximately 115mph additional pressure on said panel increases said range of deflection variable with span such that said approximately 8 feet span increases deflection to approximately 11 inches and said 40 feet span increases deflection to approximately 80 inches.